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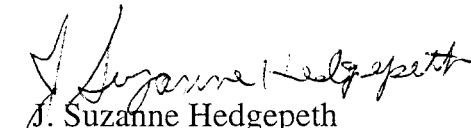
Mr. Paul W. Rankin
President
Association of Container Reconditioners
8401 Corporate Drive, Suite 140
Landover, MD 20785

Dear Mr. Rankin:

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter dated January 28, 1997, requesting an amendment of 173.12(c) to apply the existing minimum thickness criteria to packagings reused for the shipment of hazardous wastes.

Your letter has been accepted as a petition for rulemaking under 49 CFR 106.31 and assigned number, P-1328. If you should write to us regarding this petition, please make reference to this petition number.

Sincerely,


J. Suzanne Hedgepeth
Director, Office of Hazardous Materials
Exemptions and Approvals